22nd March 1934]

Local Self-Government

Repairs to the Yercaud Ghat Road.

* 812 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Yercaud Ghat road was much damaged by the recent rains;

(*b*) how long traffic was held up in that road;

(*c*) whether traffic has been resumed in that road;

(*d*) if so, from what date; and

(*e*) what the expenditure incurred is in bringing the road to proper order?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *to* (*e*) The Government have no information.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Working hours of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and the attendance of the Commissioners for conducting enquiries.

* 813 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the office hours of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and the hour at which the holding of enquiries begins;

(*b*) whether the Commissioners of the Board do not attend office at the prescribed hours, thereby causing much delay in the disposal of cases, causing inconvenience to the parties; and

(*c*) whether there is a diary or record of work done by each Commissioner in the Board and, if so, whether a copy of such record is sent to the Government?

A.—(*a*) The office of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board is open from 10-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. The Government have no information about the time fixed for enquiries.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government have no information regarding the maintenance of a diary or record of work done by each Commissioner. They do not receive copies of such records.

Division of functions among the President and the Commissioners of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 814 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. Nanjappa Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the manner in which the jurisdiction over the Presidency is divided among the President and Commissioners of the Board administratively and judicially; and

(*b*) the manner in which the administrative and judicial side of the Board's work is being carried on in the absence of the District Commissioner when he is on tour or on short leave?

[22nd March 1934

A.—(*a*) The information is not available. It has been called for.

(*b*) If a Commissioner is, for any reason, unable to attend to his duties his division will be administered by the President or such other Commissioner as the President may nominate.

Tour of the President of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board in Malabar and South Kanara in June 1933.

* 815 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the President of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board toured last June in the districts of Malabar and South Kanara for about two weeks after the Divisional Commissioner toured in the same districts for about three weeks in March?

A.—According to their tour programmes the Divisional Commissioner toured in the districts for about a fortnight in March 1933 and the President for about ten days in June 1933.

Application of coercive processes by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board for recovery of contributions.

* 816 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amounts of contribution collected by the Board itself and through the Revenue authorities till January 1934;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that properties worth Rs. 5,000 belonging to a temple in Mannargudi taluk, Tanjore district, were attached and sold for recovery of contribution of Rs. 2,500 and were sold for Rs. 500; and

(*c*) the number of cases in which the properties of the temples and maths were sold for realization of contribution and the total amount realized thereby till 28th February 1934?

A.— (*a*) *to* (*c*) The information is not available; it has been called for.

Progress of audit by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board of the accounts of excepted temples and maths.

* 817 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of excepted temples and maths whose accounts were audited by the Board as provided for in section 48 of the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the number and names of auditors appointed by them for the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 for the districts of Tanjore, Tinnevelly and Trichinopoly and the number of audits given by the Board to each auditor in those districts?